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From: JOHN DELUCA <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, October 02, 2020 3:11 PM
To: Clerks@vaughan.ca
Subject: [External] Rizmi Deputation, Committee of the Whole Oct 6

Please accept attached and following comments regarding subject:

We are happy that the city finally realized the ecological issues with the Rizmi subdivision plan and are pleased that there are holds on various parts of phase 1.

We are not supportive of any part of phase 2 of this subdivision development and provided confidential evidence that phase 2 should NOT go forward due to the highly problematic 2019 EIS (a requirement of the MZO). As noted in the 2018 EIS, there are significant woodlands, endangered species, and other significant ANSI (an area of scientific interest) features.

1. With that said, we are asking that ALL conditions remain in place and are not removed until they are fully satisfied. We are asking that Councillors and senior staff do not interfere with this process.

2. We find it appalling that the Record of Site Condition has not been completed before this development is being voted on. There is a sign seen from Dufferin on the Rizmi property says "dump site." The piles of concrete, crushing, associated carcinogens, and other materials dumped there is an issue in terms of processing health risks are paramount for our community.

3. Our expectation as a community is that a proper park be constructed, and not on top of a storm management container. Also, that storm management containers must be properly studied at sites where they are appropriate and not in sensitive ecological areas, like the Oak Ridges Moraine, close to the TransCanada pipeline. This development is clearly on the Oak Ridges Moraine and should not be a site to experiment with very steep embankments on both sides and future houses, road, and other hard surfaces leading to very significant runoff, due to what are now 5 year storms (not 100 year storms). The city has a long history of pandering to developers at taxpayers' expense. In short, there are significant wetlands in the area that will be adversely affected due to the extension of Kirby road, so making sure that storm management ponds are properly constructed and large enough to meet the drainage needs for this valley corridor and the hard surface development is essential.

4. Finally, we think the subdivision development should have 250 units of compatible lots similar to units in Maplewood Ravines ranging from at least 60 to 80 foot frontages. We also think that building this subdivision should be delayed and contingent upon completing the Kirby extension and a full Dufferin EA that includes the area between Teston north to Kirby.

Thank you,
John De Luca